

I am writing as an American citizen and taxpayer to register my outrage over Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This is a travesty and an outright abuse of their license to broadcast.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Please look into this matter and remind Sinclair of the laws and regulations they must adhere to as owners of broadcast licenses.

Thank you.